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SUBJECT: RUMORED SECRET TALKS BETWEEN GVN AND PRG

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LAM TOLD BENNETT, MAY 2, THAT A RECENT PRESS REPORT QUOTING HIM AS SAYING THAT SECRET TALKS WERE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE GVN AND THE PRG WERE IN ERROR. LAM SAID THAT WHILE IN PARIS FOR SIGNING OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND AGAIN DURING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HE HAD APPROACHED MADAM BINH WITH A PROPOSAL THAT PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES BE INITIATED. BINH SAID SHE WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK WITH HER SUPERIORS AND LATER LAM WAS TOLD THAT THE GVN WOULD BE INFORMED IF THE OPENING OF SECRET TALKS WAS "NEEDED". THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS SINCE.

2. LAM, WHO APPEARS TO FEEL THAT SECRET TALKS WITHOUT PUBLICITY MIGHT LEAD TO SOMETHING, EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION AT THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE PRG TO RESPOND.

3. MAY 3 OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS REPORTS MAY 2 STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN DENYING THAT ANY RECENT SECRET NEGOTIATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE.

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